

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS



Traverse City Forest Management Unit

2009 Year-of-Entry

Location: East Bay Town Hall, Traverse City, MI

December 12, 2007

The following documents the changes and decisions made at the compartment review to the inventory database, reports, and compartment maps presented at open houses, for the Traverse City Forest Management Unit compartment reviews. This document is the official record of changes and decisions. Proposals originally presented were approved unless noted below.

Attendees: Scott Throop (FMFM), Jason Stephens (FMFM), Scott Lint (FMFM), Tim Webb (FMFM), Tom Rozich (FMFM), Al Davis (Michigan Trail Riders, Shore to Shore Trail), Paul Simmer (FMFM), Steve Cross (FMFM), Larry Visser (WLD), Rich Earle (WLD), Steve Griffith (WLD), Mike Kowalski (WLD), Craig Allen (FMFM), Patrick Ruppen (FMFM), Bill O'Niell (FMFM), Todd Neiss (FMFM), Roger Hoeksema (FMFM), Tom Haxby (FMFM), David Lemmien (FMFM)

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at Traverse City Field Office on November 28, 2007 – 23 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Written comments were provided by:

- Joshua Cohen, MNFI – Provided a document describing known records of natural features in each compartment that have known or high potential for occurrences of special natural features. The document also had more general comments for consideration.
- Alan Campbell of Leelanau County sent an e-mail requesting information on any potential management in Leelanau County Compartments. Tim Webb responded that there were no compartments in YOY 2009 for Leelanau County and detailed the other compartments and their scheduled entries.
- Kip Knight attended the Open House and provided a letter opposing cutting along the Vasa Pathway.
- James Datsko of Elk Rapids provided a lengthy letter detailing his opposition to cutting along the Vasa Pathway and also commented on his conversation with Pat Ruppen at the open house. Letter circulated at Compartment Review.
- Mark Lyons of Traverse City attend the open house and provided comments concerning the Betsie River Pathway in Compartment #28. He was opposed to proposed treatments in stand #36 through which the trail crosses.
- Linda Deneen of Traverse City attended the open house and provided comments opposing the proposed treatments along the Vasa and Single Track trails.
- Bob Deenen of Traverse City expressed appreciation to Pat Ruppen for explaining the treatments and the DNR's efforts to minimize damage to the Vasa Pathway and Single Track.

- Shelley Greene of Benzonia, MI expressed concern about the Dair Mill and Gunn Road areas along Compartment 28. She also expressed dismay concerning the Webber situation to which Biologist Richard Earle addressed at the open house.
- Jim Heffner of Traverse City provided suggestions at the open house for minimizing impacts to the Vasa Trail due to proposed treatments.
- Jim Woodburne complemented Pat Ruppen on his invitation to meet in Compartment 42 to discuss concerns that he and others have about proposed cutting along the Vasa.
- Kimberly Balke of the Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) commented on the proposed cutting along Dair Creek in Compartment 28. They had requested a buffer be left along the creek to minimize beaver activity.
- Brian Bury wrote via e-mail that he agrees with the CRA request for a 300 foot buffer along Dair Creek.

Comments from stakeholders that were provided at the open house or otherwise during the comment period were announced and discussed. Comments specific to compartments were read and considered as each compartment was discussed. Stakeholder input that resulted in changes to prescriptions for a specific compartment or stand is recorded in the compartment notes below. Copies of all comments are on file at the Traverse City Field Office.

Comp 12 (Stand Examiner Tim Webb)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stands 3 & 7 – Next step should be listed as regeneration survey

Stand 49 – Next step should be changed to regeneration survey.

Comp 20 (Stand Examiner Craig Allen)

Changes made at compartment review:

Add an out of YOE area as a treatment east of stand 42.

Stand 5 – RP stand that was changed from a thinning to a clearcut with reserves and replant needs to be represented on the final treatment map.

Grass Lake Flooding SCA (stand 18) revise boundary and drop potential old growth designation.

Compartment 28 (Stand Examiner Craig Allen)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 28 – Leave a minimum of 100' buffer between creek and sale boundary along entire length of Dair Creek. Run sale boundary along top of topography break maintaining a minimum of 100' of buffer. In areas where topography break is 100' or less from the creek and there is no conifer component present add on an additional 25-50 foot buffer.

Stand 25 – Outside of 100' buffer along Dair Creek, 1-3 habitat cuts to be applied ranging from 1/3 to 1/2 acre and irregular shaped. Map needs be updated to show these cuts.

Revise Fisheries comments in compartment write-up.

Comp 39 (Stand Examiner Scott Lint)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 10 – Remove wildlife comment regarding retention

Comp 42 (Stand Examiner Pat Ruppen)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 87 – Remove stand condition 8 status/potential old growth designation.

Consider a delayed treatment regarding stands that have the VASA within or adjacent

Stands 94 & 99 – Rank the cultivation in terms of priority: scarification versus prescribed burn.

Comp 51 (Stand Examiners Pat Ruppen & Tim Webb)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 2 & 85 SCA nominations are geared toward the representation of natural communities

Verify the location of the shore to shore trail near stands 40 & 59 to allow for appropriate cutting specs to be added to treatment.

Archive treatment map with corrections needs to be completed to serve as final documentation of all final decisions from compartment review process.

Comp 60 (Stand Examiner Scott Lint)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 5 – Next step regeneration check within 3 years of Timber Completion Report (TCR).

As the Compartment Review Meeting Facilitator, I certify that the above changes were agreed upon.


Tom Haxby, Inventory and Planning Specialist

December 12, 2007

COMPARTMENT REVIEW RECORD OF CHANGES AND DECISIONS**Traverse City Forest Management Unit (Kalkaska Area)****2009 Year-of-Entry****Location: Kalkaska Field Office, Kalkaska, MI****December 14, 2007**

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Attendees:

Tom Haxby (FMFM), Donna Hagan (FMFM), Rich Earle (WLD), Janet Conklin (FMFM), Katie Campbell (FMFM), Tom Rozich (FSH), Roger Hoeksema (FMFM), Al Davis (Michigan Trail Riders Association), David Lemmien (FMFM), Steve Cameron (FMFM), Scott Throop (FMFM), Jason Stephens (FMFM), Rex Ainsle (WLD), Todd Neiss (FMFM), David Johnson (FMFM)

Comments from Stakeholders

Open House at Kalkaska Field Office on November 29, 2007 – 4 visitors came to view maps and data and discuss prescriptions with staff.

Written comments were provided by:

- Joshua Cohen, MNFI – Provided a document describing known records of natural features in each compartment that have known or high potential for occurrences of special natural features. The document also had more general comments for consideration.
- Chris and Lisa Stewart wrote that they would like to see less cutting and more specifically less clearcutting.

Comments from stakeholders that were provided at the open house or otherwise during the comment period were announced and discussed. Comments specific to compartments were read and considered as each compartment was discussed. Stakeholder input that resulted in changes to prescriptions for a specific compartment or stand is recorded in the compartment notes below. Copies of all comments are on file at the Kalkaska Field Office.

Compartment 104 (Stand Examiner David Johnson)

Changes made at compartment review:

Add: Retention guidelines to be followed. Sale preparer will use judgment for type of retention i.e. pockets, single trees, marking, etc.

Kudos for no age class 555

Compartment 128 (Stand Examiner Donna Hagan)

Changes made at compartment review:

Between stands 101 & 105 – Block illegal trail which crosses river in marshy area per Dan Pearson's request – after sale. RDR needed.

Work with Dan Pearson on temporary structures crossing creeks.

Up to 7 culverts needed if cut in summer. Hopefully impact will be reduced by a winter cut.

Stands 25,29,34,44,52 change prescription to shelterwood with reserves.

Document that what is expected to happen for audit purposes is that these cuts will accelerate conversion to a more natural stand.

Stand 78 – clearcut

Stands 113 & 114 – change to a thinning

Combine stands 81-84 and clearcut to expand aspen pockets as one.

Stand 4 – No clearcutting within 100 feet of creek.

Stand 48 – Manage as a savanna type. Spotty clumps of aspen/hdwd hand fell as needed.

All "P" type stands less than 175' from the river will not be cut.

Compartment 145 (Stand Examiner Dave Johnson)

Changes made at compartment review:

Consider an option B when prescribing burns

Compartment 151 (Stand Examiner Donna Hagan)

Changes made at compartment review:

Add stand # for old gravel pit (was stand #402 on older map).

Stand 6 – Change to a thinning

Stands 9,10, 11 – Change to a shelterwood, change MO to oak

Stand 7 – Map should read delayed removal

Compartment 158 (Stand Examiner Donna Hagan)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 4 – Need a line and estimated acreage. Can be updated later.

Stand 17 – Leaving red pine.

Check abandoned wells for reclamation specs.

Compartment 161 (Stand Examiner Gerald Grieve)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 2 – o.k. to cut entire stand. Include a backup plan for retention in prescription. “Not fully stocked is an acceptable regeneration.

Add MCCCT and snowmobile trails that run through the compartment to map

Stand 405 – Switch to opening maintenance

Check well site permits for regeneration specs.

Compartment 171 (Stand Examiner Gerald Grieve)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stands 25 & 26 – Recommend final harvest. Remove limiting factors allow natural regeneration in both.

Spatial database for Skegemog WL area boundaries needs to be corrected (SCA layer).

Compartment 221 (Stand Examiner Donna Hagan)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stands 18, 59, 60 – Change to thinning

Create Directors Order for road closure for RDR on N. Line of stands 7 & 8 off of Wishbone Road.

Add comments to stands 60 & 74 to hold until lease is up on stand 61 in 2011.

Compartment 266 (Stand Examiner Gerald Grieve)

Changes made at compartment review:

Stand 11 – Prescribed burn – can we burn through stand 2 to avoid the plow line. Requires closer examination. Possible change in prescriptions for stand 2.

As the Compartment Review Meeting Facilitator, I certify that the above changes were agreed upon.


Tom Haxby, Inventory and Planning Specialist

January 3, 2008